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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: EXPORT OF FIREARMS

REF: (A) STATE 140988 (B) BUENOS AIRES 3877

1. WE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE TAMIAMI GUN DISTRIBUTORS OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, WHO INFORM US THAT MR. CASTRO OF THE BROWN SECURITY SERVICE PAID CASH FOR THREE INGRAM, MAC M-11, .380 SMG'S; SIX EXTRA 32-ROUND MAGAZINES; AND 400 RDS. OF .380 CAL. BALL AMMUNITION. MR. CASTRO, ACCORDING TO MR. MARTIN OF TAMIAMI, REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE TRANSPORTED TO YOU VIA FPO CHANNELS, SINCE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS NORMALLY NEVER REACH THEIR ARGENTINEAN DESTINATIONS. CONFIDENTIAL

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TINATON WHEN SHIPPED BY THE USUAL COMMERCIAL MEANS. NOT

ONLY IS IT AGAINST THE LAW TO USE THE FPO IN THIS MANNER,
THE EMBASSY SHOULD NEVER BE LISTED AS THE PRIMARY OR INTER-
MEDIATE FOREIGN CONSIGNEE FOR LETHAL AND NON-LETHAL WEAPONS.

2. RECOGNIZING OF COURSE, THAT THE BROWN SECURITY SERVICE
PROVIDES A CONTRACTUAL SECURITY PROGRAM FOR THE EMBASSY,
AND THAT THE SITUATION IN B.A. IS UNSETTLED, WE CAN UNDER-
STAND THEIR DESIRES FOR ADDITIONAL WEAPONRY. ARA-LA/PLC
HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE BROWN SECURITY SERVICE EXPLORE THE
POSSIBILITIES OF UTILIZING THE ARGENTINEAN POUCH FACILITIES
FOR THE TRANSPORTING OF THESE ITEMS. THE INFORMATION THAT
WE HAVE INDICATES THAT THIS PROCEDURE HAS BEEN USED IN THE
PAST, AND PRESENTS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO SHIPPING VIA
COMMERCIAL MEANS.

3. FYI: DUE TO THE RECENT FILING FOR BANKRUPTCY BY THE
MANUFACTURER, THE INGRAM M-11 SMG IS NO LONGER BEING
PROCESSED. YOU MAY WISH TO PASS THIS ALONG TO THE BROWN
SECURITY SERVICE, AS REPLACEMENT PARTS WILL DEFINITELY BE
A PROBLEM. IN LIGHT OF THIS, THEY MAY WISH TO RECONSIDER
THEIR PURCHASE ALTOGETHER OR CHOOSE A DIFFERENT WEAPON.

4. IF THE TWO MODES OF SHIPPING MENTIONED ABOVE, I.E.,
COMMERCIAL OR GOA, CANNOT BE ARRANGED, THE APPLICATION FOR
LICENSE TO EXPORT UNCLASSIFIED WEAPONS WILL UNFORTUNATELY
BE DENIED AND BROWN SECURITY SERVICE WILL RECEIVE A REFUND.

5. ADVISE VIA TELEGRAM AS TO THE DISPOSITION OF THIS CASE.
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